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The Honorable Cyrus R. Vance */ cand*
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Washington, D.C.

Dear Cy,

I have reviewed the National ELINT Plan and agree with you that it is a constructive step toward an integrated ELINT effort.

I am pleased that the NEP looks to the SIGINT Committee of USIB for a program of effective evaluation of the ELINT effort and accept your recommendation that Second and Third Party ELINT be evaluated by this Committee. This is in consonance with my intent to strengthen the role of this Committee in developing guidance of the US SIGINT program. I recommend that Paragraph H of the NEP be clarified in line with the attached redraft.

With regard to your Implementation Memorandum of 22 September to the DOD elements, I believe certain sensitive flights subject to review by the 303 Committee in support of CIA operations should be excepted from DOD validation procedures. There is no objection to keeping suitably cleared personnel in DIA informed to preclude duplication, however the validation must rest with this Agency. Results from these special missions are disseminated to the Intelligence Community in suitable format.

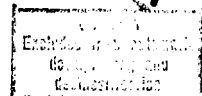
Very sincerely yours,

John A. McCone
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Director

Attachment

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H. EVALUATION:

The SIGINT Committee will propose an effective evaluation program for consideration by USIB which will facilitate CCP and CIP review by top management officials of the DOD and DCI. Such an evaluation will include a periodic review of ELINT requirements, collection and analysis operations, product analysis keyed to specific programs, and cost effectiveness.

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